

**TOURISM EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 2, 2020
Market Pointe Extension, SC Department of Revenue, Columbia, SC
Columbia Mills Conference Room 10 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members in Attendance (either in-person or via conference call): Daniel Blumenstock, Mark Nix, John Taylor (via phone). Doug McFarland, Toni Nance, Ed Riggs, Tony Tam, Spencer Wetmore and Olivia Young.

Staff in Attendance: Damita Holcomb, TERC Staff.

Guests in Attendance: Jason Rapp, SC Arts Commission. Current SCAC recommendation to the Governor to fill TERC vacancy.

CALL TO ORDER /ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS/UPDATES:

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Ed Riggs called the meeting to order.
- 2. Minutes:** Spencer Wetmore made a motion to approve the minutes from the special TERC meeting on November 12, 2019. Olivia Young seconded and minutes were approved.
- 3. Committee Vacancies:** Damita Holcomb asked various TERC members whose terms were expiring soon to contact the organizations that recommended their placement on TERC to the Governor. She asked that those organizations contact the Governor's office about re-appointment. Toni Nance is assisting in communicating with the Governor's office about these appointments.
- 4. Website Re-design:** Damita Holcomb announced that TERC now has a new website design. The web address remains the same at www.atax.sc.gov but the new design will allow us to upload and edit content.
- 5. Statehouse Updates:-** Toni Nance updated the Committee and reminded TERC members that this update was for informational purposes only. As of to date, there is not potential legislation that would impact state or local accommodations taxes. There may be possible flooding legislation, but local hospitality taxes would be used.
- 6. Ethics Forms:** As a reminder, the Ethics Report is due March 30. Should TERC members be filing under a state agency or government, please let Damita Holcomb know so she may inform the Ethics Commission if necessary.
- 7. Chesterfield County:** (previously discussed via email)-Chesterfield County would like to carry forward funds to provide for marketing materials for their new visitor center. Ed Riggs made a motion to allow the County to carry forward funds to do this. This was seconded by Daniel Blumenstock and approved unanimously by the Committee.

Review of 2020 Reporting Forms

TERC will ask for more information from the following, including questions about 30 percent and 65% funding, mathematical errors, additional information to determine validity of funding and the local governments' accommodations tax committee list and composition:

Reviewed and Questioned by Olivia Young and John Taylor: City of Aiken, City of Anderson, Beaufort County, City of Beaufort, Bluffton, Greer, Jasper County, Lancaster County, Newberry, Newberry County, City of North Augusta, Oconee County, Rock Hill, Seneca, Simpsonville, Traveler's Rest, York, York County.

Reviewed and Questioned by Mark Nix:

Blythewood, Camden, Cayce, Cheraw, Cherokee County, Lexington County, Richland County

Richland County asked TERC for guidance due to the County having a negative carry forward amount for years. This was due in part to an accounting error made years ago. Mark Nix made a motion to suggest to local governments that any time they have a negative carry forward on their reporting form, to please report the amount as "0." Spencer Wetmore asked for an amendment to the motion that not only do they report the amount as "0" but they notify TERC Staff. This will be posted on TERC website before fall 2020.

Reviewed and Questioned by Daniel Blumenstock and Tony Tam:

City of Clinton, Conway, Darlington County, City of Dillon, Easley, Fort Mill, Georgetown County, City of Georgetown, Hartsville, City of Orangeburg,

Reviewed and Questioned by Douglas McFarland, Edward Riggs and Spencer Wetmore:

Berkeley County, City of Charleston, Charleston County, City of Chester, Dorchester County- see my notes. Resubmit full size report, Town of Edisto Beach, Isle of Palms, Kiawah Island, Moncks Corner, Mount Pleasant, Walterboro.

2020 Forms yet to come in (all have been contacted)

Goose Creek, Summerville, James Island (first time reporting – only \$35,000), Chesterfield, St. George, Florence County, Greenwood County, Ridgeland, Springdale, Orangeburg County, Pickens County

The Committee decided to hold its next meeting on April 27.

There being no other business, John Taylor made a motion to adjourn with Doug McFarland making a second to the motion. The full committee approved the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Damita S. Holcomb